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1. BENJAMIN MEYNELL, EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR FOR THE FAR EAST, INFORMED US ON MARCH 6 IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REPORT ABOUT FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS WITH SINGAPORE ON TEXTILES IS CORRECT. HE CONFIDED THAT THIS KIND OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATION BY SEPARATE MEMBER STATES IS CONTRARY TO THE TREATY
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OF ROME AND THE SPIRIT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES.

NEVERTHELESS, IT DOES OCCASSIONALLY HAPPEN. IF
QUESTIONED IN PUBLIC THE COMMISSION (AND PROBABLY
THE MEMBER STATES INVOLVED) WOULD NOT ADMIT THAT
CERTAIN MEMBER STATES WERE CONCLUDING OFFICIAL BILATERAL
TEXTILE AGREEMENTS. MEYNELL SAYS THAT THE MEMBER STATES
INVOLVED HAVE NOT CALLED SUCH ARRANGEMENTS "AGREEMENTS" BUT
"CONSULTATIONS". THE COMMISSION IS OPPOSED TO THESE
INDIVIDUAL BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS BY MEMBER STATES,
BUT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO PROHIBIT THEM. MEYNELL
SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS TRIP
TO WASHINGTON. BEFORE MEYNELL'S RETURN THE MISSION
WAS UNABLE TO FIND A COMMISSION OFFICIAL WHO WOULD
GIVE CLEAR INFORMATION ON THE MATTER.GREENWALD

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